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### PRELIMINARY SKETCH

The main object of this sketch is to locate in a permanent form the early homes of the Benjamin families that in 1853 and during the three subsequent years migrated from Columbia county, New York, to McLean county, Illinois.

Columbia county lies between the Hudson river and the western line of the state of Massachusetts. Previous to 1795 it was a part of Albany county. The towns across the northern part of Columbia county, as they are now constituted, naming them in their order from the Hudson river, are the following: Stuyvesant, Kinderhook, Chatham and New Lebanon.

Adjoining the Massachusetts line, south of New Lebanon, and east of the south half of Chatham, is the town of Canaan. Canaan originally embraced the present towns of Canaan, New Lebanon and the eastern three-fourths of Chatham. Before the revolution it was called King's district. On March 7, 1788, the name was changed to Canaan. Stuyvesant, Kinderhook and the western one-fourth of the present town of Chatham were settled at an early day by the Dutch, who followed up the eastern side of the Hudson river. The district, first called King's district and afterwards Canaan, was settled about 1750 by natives of New England. Martin Van Buren, of Dutch descent, was born in Kinderhook in 1782, and Samuel J. Tilden, of New England descent, was born in New Lebanon in 1814. Van Buren was elected governor of New York in 1828, and president of the United States in 1836. Tilden was elected governor in 1874, and, as claimed by many, president, instead of Rutherford

B. Hayes, in 1876. The electoral commission, however, declar in favor of Hayes.

## Ebenezer Benjamin and His Children

Ebenezer Benjamin, the grandfather of the Benjamins, w migrated from Columbia county to McLean county in the yea 1853-4-5 and '6, came from Connecticut about 1774 and settl in the old Canaan district, near Red Rock and about four mil east of Chatham, N. Y., an important and well-known place the Albany & Boston railroad. Red Rock is the name appli to an extended settlement along the creek, called Indian Broc in the southwestern part of the present town of Canaan. 1825 a huge rock along the roadside was painted red, a crowned with a wooden column. In 1860 a marble shaft w placed on the rock by the inhabitants and former citizens of t place and dedicated with imposing ceremonies; it bears the d of 1750 as the time of the settlement of the place. It is ge erally admitted that this was the first settlement in the nor eastern part of the county, originally called King's district.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of King's district, held Ju 24, 1776, for the purpose of choosing a delegate to the prov cial congress, it was voted to recommend to that body the pa age of a declaration of independence. It appears from t works entitled "New York in the Revolution" and "Archives the State of New York" that Ebenezer Benjamin was at c time first lieutenant, and at another, captain, of the Fifth co pany of the Seventeenth regiment (King's district), comman by Col. William Bradford Whiting, who came to that distr in 1765 and purchased a large tract of land near Queechy. was prominent in developing the region and commanded a re ment under General Gates.

Ebenezer Benjamin died December 22, 1789, aged 55 yea His wife, Pheobe, died November 2, 1813, aged 69 years. Th were the parents of thirteen children—Daniel, Ebenezer, W liam, Benjamin, Grace (Bromley), Elizabeth (Starkweathe Lyol, Elijah, Darius, Phoebe (Wheeler), Martin, Asa and An (Merchant).

Their eldest son, Daniel, was a soldier in the revolutiona war.

William was the father of Jane (Cady), the wife of Charles R. Cady, who came to McLean county in the spring of 1856; both now deceased.

Elizabeth (Starkweather) was the grandmother of Asher Goodrich.

Elijah was the father of William H. Benjamin and Leonard Benjamin, both deceased; the former the father of Frank W. Benjamin, Mary (Goodrich) and Addie (Fuller).

Darius Benjamin, born February 15, 1781, was a soldier in the war of 1812; was married to Martha Rogers July 5, 1817, was a farmer, and died at Chatham Center, Columbia county, April 24, 1850.

Martha Rogers Benjamin, born February 18, 1795, came to Illinois with her children and died November 20, 1884, in her 90th year. They were the parents of six children, all sons —Edward D., DeWitt Clinton, Timothy R., John R., Gilbert R., and Reuben M. Benjamin. All of these brothers, except the one who died in early life, were school teachers for a short period.

Edward D. Benjamin, born June 29, 1818, was married June 5, 1848, at Cohoes, in Albany county, to Christianna Gray, a daughter of Rev. John Gray. Edward was at that time and for several years thereafter a merchant in Kinderhook, N. Y.

DeWitt C. Benjamin, born May 28, 1820, was educated at Kinderhook Academy, became a Methodist preacher in 1841, and was married October 23, 1849, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to Sarah Swartz.

Timothy R. Benjamin, born May 17, 1823, was married February 27, 1854, at Chatham Center, N. Y., to Harriet E., daughter of Robert A. Bullis.

John R. Benjamin, born October 17, 1824, joined the Society of Friends in the town of Chatham, taught school for three years in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where he was married February 14, 1849, to Sarah Beaver.

Gilbert R. Benjamin was born October 6, 1830, and died February 30, 1839.

Reuben M. Benjamin, born June 29, 1833, was educated at Kinderhook Academy, Amherst college and Harvard law school, and was married September 15, 1856, to Laura, daughter of

David G. Woodin, for many years superintendent of school for Columbia county.

All of these brothers were born in Columbia county, excep John, who was born while his parents lived for about one yea at Truxton, Cortland county, New York.

DeWitt C. Benjamin was the first of the Columbia count Benjamins to come to Illinois. Owing to a severe attack o asthma, which became chronic, he was obliged to give u preaching and was advised by his physician to try a chang of climate.

In 1853 the cars commenced running regularly throug Bloomington on the Illinois Central and the Chicago, Alton St. Louis railroads. In that year DeWitt C. Benjamin came t McLean county, and on June 7, 1853, purchased the southwes quarter of section 33, town 25 north, range 2 (Hudson). H brought his family there the same year, and subsequently pur chased adjoining lands in the townships of Hudson and Nor mal. He always took an active interest in church and educa tional work. For several years he served as one of the trus tees of the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. Th following is an extract from an historical sketch of the univer sity, published in 1895: "From 1856 to 1871 one of the fre quent visitors at the Wesleyan and one always noted becaus of his scholarly bearing was Rev. DeWitt C. Benjamin. H was born in Red Rock, N. Y., and came west and settled on farm near Hudson. * * * His studious habits were kept u through life, and his love for learning made him a most valu able patron and trustee of the university. He gave liberall of his means and unsparingly of his time and labor to it necessities."

Two of his children, Martha and DeWitt C. (both deceased) were graduated from the Wesleyan in 1874. He died Octobe 7, 1871, at his residence on the tract of land he first purchase and was buried in the cemetery west of the village of Hudsor

On August 29, 1853, John R. Benjamin purchased with othe lands, the south half of section 1, town 23, north, range 3, (Ol Town). He built a house on the southwest quarter and brough his family there in 1854. In 1855, he purchased the northwes quarter of section 7, town 23 north, range 4 (Dawson), corner

ing his other land in Old Town, and built thereon the house which was thereafter his residence until his death.

Through his influence a number of members of the Society of Friends came from the east and purchased lands thereabouts. A Friends' meeting house was built, and the system of "particular," "monthly," and "quarterly" meetings established. (The yearly meeting is held in Putnam county, Ill.) Quite a village soon grew up in this neighborhood (nine miles east of Bloomington) and was called Benjaminville. At one time there was at this place a general store, post office, blacksmith shop and three meeting houses—Quaker, Methodist and Christian. But after the Lake Erie & Western railroad was built one mile and a half south of Benjaminville, and the station of Holder established there, the Methodist and Christian churches were moved to that place and the store gave way to the two stores at Holder.

John R. Benjamin and wife, Sarah, on the 14th of February, 1899, celebrated their golden wedding, and on the 18th of the following October, just as he reached the ripe old age of 75 years, he passed away, the patriarch of that community and beloved by all who knew him.

In the fall of 1854 Edward D. Benjamin came to Bloomington, and in the following January he brought his family here. On May 7, 1855, he purchased the south half of section 7, town 23 north, range 4 (Dawson), one-half mile north of Holder, and on June 22, 1855, he bought lots 4, 5, and west half of 6, in A. Gridley's addition to Bloomington, being the first residence property east of the First Presbyterian church on Grove street, which became and was his home for several years, while he was a merchant in Bloomington. He first kept a store in the Major's hall building, in the room west of the stairway. On December 17, 1855, he bought of Dr. Thomas P. Rogers, for $3,000, ground having a frontage of 29 feet on Center street, west of the court house, and built there a business house next south of the alley. There for several years he conducted in partnership with John G. Schermerhorn, what would now be called a department store. During the latter years of his life he resided on his farm (north half of section 11, town 23 north, range 3), one mile and a half west of Benjaminville, where he died November 10, 1890.

Early in 1856, Timothy R. Benjamin, with his family a mother, came to McLean county, and on April 10, he purchas the northeast quarter of section 1, town 23 north, range 3 (C Town). He lived on this place (one mile north of Benjami ville) for about eight years, and then moved to Fulton, N. Y and there for a few years operated a paper mill purchased his father-in-law. After some subsequent changes of residen he returned to his native county, and died at Chatham Cent February 20, 1895. He was a man of fine presence, of a hop ful nature, and more than ordinarily blest with the faculty win and hold friends.

Reuben M. Benjamin came to Bloomington in the latt part of April, 1856. He bought lot 11 in block 8, Evans' Se ond addition to Bloomington, July 10th. After his admissic to the bar (September 5) and his marriage (September 15 he brought his wife to Bloomington (October 10), and soo thereafter they commenced housekeeping at this place (51 East Grove street), where they have since resided to the pre ent time.

On November 15, 1855, William H. Benjamin, the cousin c the Benjamin brothers, purchased the northeast quarter c section 13, township 23 north, range 3 (Old Town), on whic is now located the village of Holder. He brought his famil to this place in the spring of 1856 and lived there one yea when he purchased and moved to the southeast quarter of sec tion 1, township 23 north, range 2 (Bloomington). In 1858 h built a house on the west part of the tract and this was hi home (two miles east of Bloomington) until his death, Aug ust 23, 1874. He was a valued member of the Baptist church of a social nature, and highly esteemed in the community.

The genealogical investigators who have traced back sev eral of the Benjamin families to John Benjamin who emi grated from Lower Hereford, England, in 1632, say that h was probably the ancestor of all the Benjamins of New England.

(The foregoing sketch was read by Judge R. M. Benjamin at the reunion of the families of the Columbia County Benjamins, at Miller Park, Saturday, August 29, 1903. For sketch of his life see "Bench and Bar of Illinois," edited by John M Palmer, Vol. 2, p. 727.)

# ANCESTRY
## OF
# THE BENJAMIN FAMILIES
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## NEW YORK

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### FIRST GENERATION.

#### JOHN BENJAMIN.

JOHN BENJAMIN, the first of that name in America, emigrated from England in 1632. He was born about 1598, and his home is said to have been in Lower Hereford, near the Welsh border. In 1619 he married Abigail, daughter of Rev. William Eddye, Vicar of St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, County Kent, England. John Benjamin, with his wife, four children and a younger brother Richard, came over in the Ship "Lion," captain, Mason. "The Lion brought," says Governor Winthrop, "one hundred and twenty-three passengers, whereof fifty were children, all in health." They were twelve weeks on the voyage, eight weeks from Land's End, and arrived in Boston Harbor, Sunday evening, September 16, 1632.

Richard, the younger brother, first settled in Watertown, Mass., where he became a proprietor in 1642. In 1663 he removed with his family to Southhold, Long Island.

John Benjamin was one of the proprietors of New Town (Cambridge), Mass., and made his first settlement there. He was made freeman, November 6, 1632, and was chosen Constable by the General Court, May 20, 1633.

Besides the right of suffrage, freemen enjoyed advantages in the division of lands; and before the representative system commenced they were all members of the General Court. The principal qualification for this privilege seems to have been church membership. (*History of Dorchester*, p. 27.)

The Constable was formerly both in England and the Colo nies, the chief executive officer of the Parish or Town. (*Cen tury Dictionary.*)

The time was when the best men in an English parish hel in rotation the office of Constable. He was once the head ma of his village community. The Constable and four chief inhab itants of a parish constituted its board of local governmen (*Supplement to Encyclopedia Britannica,* Vol. 2, p. 380.)

John Benjamin owned six acres of land in New Town, o which he built a house which Governor Winthrop said "wa unsurpassed in elegance and comfort by any in the vicinity. I was the mansion of intelligence, refinement, religion and hosp tality." On April 7, 1636, Winthrop notes: "Mr. Benjamin house burnt, and £100 in goods lost."

John Benjamin was of New Town in October, 1636, an settled in Watertown, about the year 1637. His homesta of sixty acres in Watertown was situated east of Dorcheste Field and bounded south by Charles River. He owned thre other tracts of eighteen, eighty, and twenty-four acres. H died in Watertown, June 14, 1645. His will is recorded in th probate office for Suffolk county, Mass. Abigail, his widov probably made her home in Watertown until about 1654, whe she went with her daughter, Abigail, to Charlestown, Mass where she died May 20, 1687, aged 87 years.

*Children of John and Abigail Benjamin.*—John, Abigai Samuel, Mary, JOSEPH, Joshua Caleb, Abel.

## SECOND GENERATION.

### Joseph Benjamin.

JOSEPH BENJAMIN 2 (John 1,) son of John and Abi gail Benjamin, was born at New Town (Cambridge), Mass. September 16, 1633. On June 10, 1661, he married Jemima daughter of Thomas Lombard or Lumbert, of Barnstable, Mass She was the mother of his first child, Abigail, and died prio to March 23, 1662, the date of her father's will, in which she i not mentioned, while it names his six sons and daughter Margaret and his grandchild Abigail. (See *New England Historical and Genealogical Register,* Vol. 6, p. 186.)



* Error. She is mentioned. See will of Thomas Lombard in Mayflower Descendant.

Thomas Lombard, Lumbard, Lambard, Lambert or Lumbert, as the name was variously written, was born in Tenterton, Kent County, England, about the year 1610, and was married as early as 1630 to Joyce——. He came over in the Mary and John in 1630, settling in Dorchester. He removed in a few years to Scituate, and was one of the earliest of the Company who came to Barnstable. (Swift's *Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families,* Vol. 2, p. 217.)

His brother, Bernard or Barnard, came to Barnstable in the fall of 1639. He was one of the seven persons in town in 1664 having the prefix of "Mr.", a title which at that time signified that its possessor was "a man of public and social consideration." (*Barnstable Families*, Vol. 2, p. 218.)

Barnard Lumbert, aged 60, testifies that William Clark, of Yarmouth, gave, by nuncupative will, his property to Joseph Benjamin, 28th 12mo. 1668. Clark died Dec. 7, 1668. (*Burke and Alvord Memorial*, p. 190.)

William Clark was in Yarmouth in 1639 when he took the oath of fidelity, and was sworn as Constable. He was surveyor of Highways in 1641 and also in 1651. He was probably unmarried, and died in 1668. By his nuncupative will he gave his property to Joseph Benjamin. (Swift's *Old Yarmouth*, p. 67.)

Joseph Benjamin's second wife was Sarah Clark. Her mother was probably the sister of Thomas and Barnard Lumbert (as they wrote their names). If so, the two wives of Joseph Benjamin were cousins, and this would readily account for the presence of Barnard Lumbert during the last sickness of William Clark and also for the naming of one of Sarah's children after Joseph's first wife, Jemima. Thus all the children of Joseph Benjamin would have among their maternal ancestors the Lumberts or Lombards.

Joseph Benjamin first settled in Barnstable and then lived several years on a farm in Yarmouth, having gone there before 1670. In 1680 he exchanged his farm for one in Barnstable. About 1690 he moved to Preston, New London County, Conn., and died there in 1704.

The *Notes of Barnstable Families* (Vol. 1, p. 143) state:

Joseph Benjamin, son of John of Watertown, married 10th June, 1661, Jemimah, daughter of Thomas Lumbert of Barnstable. He settled in Yarmouth before 1670, on a farm near the Meadows, on the north of the Miller farm. He owned an

estate in Cambridge, which he sold 30th Oct. 1686. In 1680 he exchanged his farm in Yarmouth for that of Joseph Gorham in Barnstable, now (1885) owned by Nathan Edson. He removed to New London (county), Conn., where he died in 1704, leaving a widow, Sarah, and seven children. The births of his children were recorded in Yarmouth, but the record is torn and imperfect. He had Abigail; Joseph, 1666; Hannah Feb., 1668, not living in 1704; Mary, born April, 1670, married John Clark, 16th Nov. 1697, who was a schoolmaster; Mercy born March 12th, 1674; Elizabeth, born Jan'y 14th, 1679-80, not living in 1704; John, born 1682; and Jemimah, Sarah and Kezia named in the settlement of his estate.

*Children of Joseph Benjamin*—Abigail, JOSEPH, Hannah, Mary, Mercy, Elizabeth, John, Jemima, Sarah, Kezia.

## THIRD GENERATION.

### Joseph Benjamin.

JOSEPH BENJAMIN 3, (Joseph 2, John 1,) son of Joseph Benjamin 2, married Elizabeth Cooke, of Preston, Conn., Aug. 25, 1698. She was the daughter of Richard Cooke, of Stonington, Conn., who died in 1695. (See *Caulkins History of Norwich*, p. 246, and *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 52, p. 271.) Joseph Benjamin died June, 1738.

*Children of Joseph and Elizabeth Benjamin.*—Joseph, born ——, baptized June 7, 1702; OBED, born Aug. 15, 1701, baptized June 7, 1702; Elizabeth, born Nov. 11, 1703; Hannah, born ——, baptized March 3, 1706; Sarah, born Jan. 17, 1707; Grace, born Jan. 10, 1709; Jedidiah, born July 15, 1711; DANIEL, born Sept. 17, 1714; Abiel, born Dec. 16, 1716.

On June 4, 1702, Joseph Benjamin's wife was admitted as member of the First Congregational Church of Preston, and on the 7th of the same month Joseph and Obed, sons of Joseph Benjamin were baptized. Hannah, daughter of Joseph Benjamin, was baptized March 3, 1706. (*Church Records.*)

## FOURTH GENERATION.

### Obed and Daniel Benjamin.

OBED BENJAMIN 4, (Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1) was born at Preston, August 15, 1701.

Five of his children were baptized in the Second or North Church of Preston (now Griswold): Obed, born ——, baptized May 9, 1729; Abel, born ——, baptized July 11, 1731; EBENEZER, born ——, baptized Dec. 14, 1735; Elizabeth, born ——, baptized April 28, 1737; Jacob, born ——, baptized March 18, 1739.

Obed Benjamin was married to Mary Yarenton (Yarrington or Yerrington), but whether she was his first or second wife is uncertain. The record of their marriage is interlined on the Griswold Church Records without date between the records of marriages dated April 19, and Aug. 19, 1742. It may have been interlined in the wrong place. There is no record of a previous marriage.

On March 27, 1755, he was married to Mary Hurd, by whom he had two children: Stephen, born Oct. 23, 1757; Caleb, born Dec. 11, 1759.

DANIEL BENJAMIN 4, (brother of Obed Benjamin 4.) was born at Preston, Sept. 17, 1714. He married Phoebe Guile, March 13, 1739 or 1740, and died July 30, 1756. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Phoebe (Denison) Guile (see *Putnam's Historical Magazine*, Vol. 8, p. 301.)

Their children were baptized in the Second or North Church of Preston (now Griswold). They are: Daniel, born ——, baptized Oct., 1744; PHOEBE, born ——, baptized Sept. 29, 1745; Jedidiah, born ——, baptized June 21, 1747; Elizabeth, born ——, baptized April 9, 1749; Grace, born ——, baptized Feb. 24, 1754; Benjamin, born ——, baptized June 20, 1756.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

### Ebenezer and Phoebe Benjamin.

EBENEZER BENJAMIN 5, (Obed 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1,) son of Obed Benjamin, was married Nov. 26, 1761, to his cousin Phoebe, daughter of Daniel Benjamin (4), by Rev. Asher Rossiter, second pastor of the First Congregational Church of Preston.

The Connecticut Records show that Ebenezer Benjamin, in his early manhood, served in the French and Indian War. In 1756 he was a private in the Fourth Company of the First

Regiment of the Connecticut Troops raised for an Expedition against Crown Point. Israel Putnam, of Pomfret, was the Captain of the Company, and Maj. Gen. Phineas Lyman, of Suffield, was the Commander of the troops. In 1757 he was a member of one of the Militia Companies called out for the relief of Fort William Henry and parts adjacent. Nathan Leonard, of Preston, was the Captain of his company and Christopher Avery the Colonel of his Regiment.

Six of Ebenezer Benjamin's children were born in Preston. (Elizabeth, May 11, 1773.) About 1774 he removed from Preston to near Red Rock in the Northeastern part of Columbia County, New York, then called King's District.

The records of New York in the Revolution show that on Oct. 20, 1775, commissions were issued to the officers of the 17th Regiment (King's District), and that Ebenezer Benjamin was Captain of the Fifth Company of the Regiment and William Bradford Whiting, Colonel of the Regiment. His oldest son, Daniel, was a private in the Revolutionary war.

Ebenezer Benjamin died Dec. 22, 1789, aged 55 years and his wife Phoebe, died Nov. 2, 1813, aged 69 years. They were buried in a vault on his farm near Red Rock, but in the southeast corner of the present town of Chatham, Columbia county, N. Y.

*Children of Ebenezer and Phoebe Benjamin.*—Daniel, born Sept. 26, 1762; Ebenezer, born April 4, 1766; William, born April 16, 1768; Benjamin, born Jan. 13, 1770; Grace (Bromley), born Aug. 9, 1771; Elizabeth (Starkweather), born May 11, 1773; Lyol, born ——; Elijah, born Oct. 28, 1778; DARIUS, born Feb. 15, 1781; Phoebe (Wheeler), Martin, Asa, Anna (Merchant).

## SIXTH GENERATION.

### Darius Benjamin.

DARIUS BENJAMIN 6, (Ebenezer 5, Obed 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1.) son of Ebenezer and Phoebe Benjamin, was born near Red Rock, Columbia county, New York, Feb. 15, 1781. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. On July 5, 1817, he married Martha, daughter of Timothy Rogers. She was

born Feb. 18, 1795. He was a farmer and died at Chatham Center, Columbia county, New York, April 24, 1850. In 1856 she followed her children to McLean county, Illinois, and died there near Benjaminville, Nov. 20, 1884.

*Children of Darius and Martha Benjamin.*—Edward D. Benjamin, born June 29, 1818; DeWitt Clinton Benjamin, born May 28, 1820; Timothy R. born May 17, 1823; John R., born Oct. 17, 1824; Gilbert R., born Oct. 6, 1830, died Feb. 30, 1839; Reuben M., born June 29, 1833.

## SEVENTH GENERATION.

### Edward D. Benjamin.

EDWARD D. BENJAMIN was married to Christianna Gray, June 5, 1848, and died near Benjaminville, McLean county, Illinois, Nov. 10, 1890. She died Oct. 23, 1909.

### DeWitt Clinton Benjamin.

DeWITT CLINTON BENJAMIN was married to Sarah Swartz, Oct. 23, 1849, and died near Hudson, McLean county, Illinois, Oct. 7, 1871. She died July 23, 1892.

### Timothy R. Benjamin.

TIMOTHY R. BENJAMIN, was married to Harriet E. Bullis, Feb. 27, 1854, and died at Chatham Center, Columbia county, New York, Feb. 20, 1895.

### John R. Benjamin.

JOHN R. BENJAMIN was married to Sarah Beaver, Feb. 14, 1849, and died at Benjaminville, McLean county, Illinois, Oct. 18, 1899. She died Feb. 25, 1910.

### Gilbert R. Benjamin.

GILBERT R. BENJAMIN died Feb. 30, 1839, in his ninth year.

### Reuben M. Benjamin.

REUBEN M. BENJAMIN was married to Laura Woodin, Sept. 15, 1856.

## EIGHTH GENERATION.

*Children of Edward D. and Christianna Benjamin.*—Dariu G. Benjamin, born April 23, 1849; Ellen W., born March 18 1852, died Aug. 9, 1852; Edward D., born Sept. 3, 1853; Mar F., born July 30, 1856, died Jan. 17, 1860; Walter R., born Nov 10, 1860; Ida B., born July 13, 1863.

### MARRIAGES.

Darius G. Benjamin to Frances O. Sharp, Dec. 31, 1872.

Edward D. Benjamin to Sarah A. Lacock, April 22, 1886.

Walter R. Benjamin (1st) to Hattie W. Sharp, Mar. 1; 1885. (2nd) Nellie Wolf, Oct. 1, 1895.

Ida B. Benjamin, to John F. Moore, Jan. 14, 1886.

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*Children of DeWitt Clinton and Sarah Benjamin.*—Marth Benjamin, born Sept. 27, 1850, died March 31, 1885; DeWi Clinton, born Nov. 11, 1852, died Feb. 11, 1875; Mary Carolin born Aug. 25, 1855, died Aug. 16, 1887; Annie Laura, born De 1, 1858; Rogers, born June 1, 1861, died July 6, 1861; Sara Emeline, born July 30, 1862, died Nov. 10, 1864.

### MARRIAGES.

Mary Caroline Benjamin, to Homer S. Bates, Feb. 18, 188

Annie Laura Benjamin, to Scott Price, Feb. 23, 1876.

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*Children of Timothy R. and Harriet E. Benjamin.*—John A Benjamin, born Jan. 20, 1855, died Dec. 31, 1908; Elfleda Mari born Jan. 26, 1857; Gilbert R., born Oct. 6, 1858, died July 1 1868; Ruthella, born Feb. 25, 1861; Laura E., born Sept. 2 1862; Hattie E., born Dec. 17, 1866, died April 27, 1899; Reu ben B., born May 20, 1869.

### MARRIAGES.

John A. Benjamin (1st) to Alice Cadwell, Nov. 24, 188 (2nd) to Isabella F. Hallet, Nov. 9, 1902.

Ruthella Benjamin, to Frank D. Howe, Dec. 23, 1890.

Laura E. Benjamin, to Charles W. Huffman, Apr. 8, 1891.

Reuben B. Benjamin, to Annie Knott, July 16, 1896.

*Children of John R. and Sarah Benjamin, 7.*—Deborah Benjamin, born July 23, 1851; Timothy, born April 9, 1853; Martha E., born Aug. 8, 1854; George D., born Aug. 1, 1864.

MARRIAGES.

Deborah Benjamin, to Thomas J. Moore, Dec. 30, 1875.

Timothy Benjamin (1st), to Annie Coale, Mar. 10, 1875. (2nd) to Agnes McBarnes, Nov. 17, 1883.

Martha E. Benjamin, to Willis B. Mills, Mar. 13, 1879.

George D. Benjamin, to Dora Wampler, Dec. 20, 1888.

## SIXTH GENERATION.

### ELIJAH BENJAMIN.

Brother of Darius Benjamin.

ELIJAH BENJAMIN 6, (Ebenezer 5, Obed 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1,) son of Ebenezer and Phoebe Benjamin, was born Oct. 28, 1778. He was married to Lois Barnes, Jan. 25, 1804. He died June 9, 1852, and she died Feb. 18, 1852. They lived and died at Red Rock, in the town of Canaan, Columbia county, N. Y.

*Children of Elijah and Lois Benjamin.*—Lucinda (Griswold), born Nov. 6, 1804; Elisha B., born Oct 2, 1806; Louisa (Ford), born Dec. 6, 1808; Edwin, born Jan. 9, 1811; Mary, born Aug. 6, 1814; WILLIAM H., born June 17, 1816; Daniel B., born Sept. 16, 1818; Nathaniel, born Jan. 18, 1821; Leonard, born Oct. 12, 1823.

## SEVENTH GENERATION.

### WILLIAM H. BENJAMIN.

WILLIAM H. BENJAMIN, son of Elijah and Lois Benjamin, was born June 17, 1816. He was married (1st) to Lydia French, Oct. 2, 1843, (2nd) to Martha Kingsley, Oct. 11, 1848.

## EIGHTH GENERATION.

*Children of William H. Benjamin, 7.*—Arthur H. Benjamin, born June 14, 1847, died April 9, 1869; Charles N., born

Aug. 15, 1850, died Dec. 15, 1851; Frederick, born Aug. 1; 1852, died April 22, 1855; Mary L., born Aug. 31, 1854; Fran W., born Jan. 30, 1858; Addie K., born June 21, 1864.

MARRIAGES.

Mary L. Benjamin to Chester B. Goodrich, Feb. 6, 1878.
Frank W. Benjamin, to Nettie Greenlee, Feb. 23, 1888.
Addie K. Benjamin, to Clinton J. Fuller, Dec. 29, 1886.

## SIXTH GENERATION.

### WILLIAM BENJAMIN.

Brother of Darius Benjamin.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN 6, (Ebenezer 5, Obed 4, Joseph 3 Joseph 2, John 1,) son of Ebenezer and Phoebe Benjamin, wa: born at Preston, Connecticut, April 16, 1768. He was marriec (1st) to Juliana Beebe, Jan. 24, 1790. He died Nov., 1841 and she died Feb. 7, 1832, aged 63 years. They were buriec in the vault where his parents were buried on the farm in the southeast corner of the present town of Chatham, Columbia county, N. Y.

## SEVENTH GENERATION.

*Children of William and Juliana Benjamin.*—Sally (Traver), born Oct. 10, 1790; Christina (Crandall), born Jan. 12, 1792; Phoebe (Andrews), born Jan. 4, 1795; Eleazer, born Aug. 19, 1797; Mary (Bodine), born Jan. 26, 1799; John, born May 13, 1801; Ruth (Smith), born May 13, 1804; Anson, born April 18, 1808; Jane (Cady), born April 26, 1815.

On April 11, 1833, William Benjamin was married (2nd) to Margaret Maybee, by whom he had two children: William, born Oct. 8, 1834; Milton, born Oct. 13, 1838.

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Jane (Benjamin) Cady and Charles R. Cady were the parents of Julia (Cady) Campbell, Oscar Cady and Mary (Cady) Curtis.

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Asher Goodrich was the grandson, and his children, Chester B. Goodrich, Alida (Goodrich) Young and Frank Goodrich are great grandchildren of Elizabeth (Benjamin) Starkweather, sister of Darius Benjamin.

# ANCESTRY

## of

# MARTHA (ROGERS) BENJAMIN

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## FIRST GENERATION.

THOMAS ROGERS was one of the Pilgrim Fathers, and one of the forty-one persons who signed the Constitutions of Government on board the Mayflower. His son Joseph came with him. The other children came over afterward. Thomas died in 1621. Governor Bradford, in 1650, writing of Plymouth Colony, says:

Thomas Rogers died in the first sickness, but his son is still living, and is married, and hath six children. The rest of his children came over and are married and have many children. (*Haxton's Signers of the Mayflfower Compact*, part 2, p. 10.)

## JAMES ROGERS.

Austin, in his *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*, says of James Rogers, who was a miller at Newport, R. I., and General Sergeant as early as 1643:

He may have been a son of Thomas Rogers, who came in the Mayflower in 1620, with son Joseph, and died next year.

The Colonial Records show that on July 20, 1669, James Rogers was ordered "to apprehend the Indian Sachem, Ninecraft, and bring him before the Governor and Council to answer the charge of a plot among the Indians to cut off the English. He was empowered to take assistance of a boat and two men for transportation, and also two men and three horses in the King's Province." The Records also show that on August 24, 1676, he "attended at the trial of certain Indians before a Court martial held at Newport. The Indians were charged with being engaged in King Philip's designs and several were executed."

James Rogers died in 1676, and his wife Mary died in 1678.

*Children of James and Mary Rogers.*—Sarah, married about

1648, to Richard Knight, she died in 1680, he died in 1685; Thomas, born in 1639, he died Nov. 23, 1719, and his wife, Sarah, died in 1716; JOHN, born Oct. 8, 1641.

## SECOND GENERATION.

### John Rogers.

JOHN ROGERS 2 (James 1), son of James and Mary Rogers, was born at Newport, R. I., Oct. 8, 1641.

The records show that he was a Justice of the Peace in 1701-2-3-4, and on a Committee to Audit the debt of the Old Colony in 1703. He died March 27, 1716, and his wife, Elizabeth, died Oct. 24, 1676.

*Children of John and Elizabeth Rogers.*—John, born Au 26, 1668, and married Nov. 4, 1698, to Sarah Lauton, who w born Oct. 25, 1676, he died Aug. 11, 1727, she died Feb. 2 1731; JOSEPH, born 1670; Samuel, born April 25, 1673, ar married Jan. 31, 1706, to Lydia Holmes, who was born Jan. 1683, he died Nov. 14, 1752, she died May 19, 1750.

## THIRD GENERATION.

### Joseph Rogers.

JOSEPH ROGERS 3 (John 2, James 1), son of John an Elizabeth Rogers, was born in Newport, R. I., in 1670, an married Elizabeth, daughter of Philip and Mary Smith.

Joseph Rogers died Oct. 2, 1710, and was buried in New port Cemetery. His will was proved, Nov. 6, 1710. His wif Elizabeth, died May 24, 1704, anad was buried at Tivertor R. I., where the births of their four children were recorded.

*Children of Joseph and Elizabeth Rogers.*—Mary, born Aug 24, 1699; Elizabeth, born Jan. 23, 1701; Smith, born Dec. 13 1702; JOSEPH, born May 15, 1704.

## FOURTH GENERATION.

### Joseph Rogers.

JOSEPH ROGERS 4 (Joseph 3, John 2, James 1), son of Joseph and Elizabeth Rogers was born in Tiverton, R. I.,

May 15, 1704, and married Dorothy Wood, March 16, 1726. He died Sept. 16, 1751. She died July 29, 1777. Both were buried at Middletown, Conn.

*Children of Joseph and Dorothy Rogers.*—Mary, born at Newport, R. I., Jan. 25, 1728; Joseph, born at Newport, R. I. Oct. 4, 1730; Elizabeth, born at Newport, R. I., Jan. 4, 1733; JOHN, born at Newport, R. I., June 16, 1736; Constant, born at Newport, R. I., Oct. 15, 1738; Abigail, born at Newport, R. I., Aug. 20, 1740; Elizabeth, born at Middletown, Conn., May 4, 1743; Abigail, born at Middletown, Conn., April 10, 1745; Samuel, born at Middletown, Conn., Feb. 19, 1748; Elnathan, born at Middletown, Conn., May 9, 1752.

The first named Elizabeth died Aug. 29, 1735.

The first named Abigail died Sept. 20, 1741.

The second named Abigail died Sept. 30, 1753.

Joseph was lost at sea with Capt. Edward Johnson on his passage from Surinam, which place he left Feb. 4, 1756.

Constant was drowned Dec. 23, 1757, on Saybrook Bar while bound on a voyage to the West Indies.

Elnathan married Olive Moore and settled at Chazy, Clinton Co., N. Y.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

### John Rogers.

JOHN ROGERS 5 (Joseph 4, Joseph 3, John 2, James 1), son of Joseph and Dorothy Rogers, was born in Newport, R. I., June 16, 1736. He married Patience Miller (a daughter of Stephen Miller, of Middletown, Conn.), Nov. 22, 1757. He died May 1, 1811. She died Aug. 25, 1807, aged 75 years. Both were buried at Middletown, Conn.

*Children of John and Patience Rogers.*—John, born Sept. 18, 1758; Abigail, born April 15, 1760; Sarah, born Jan. 28, 1762; Joseph, born May 5, 1764; TIMOTHY, born March 3, 1766; Constant, born April 22, 1768; Patience, born April 22, 1768; William, born July 26, 1770; Hannah, born May 4, 1774; Fanny, born March 24, 1778.

The oldest son, John, was drowned on the coast of Carolina, March 1, 1805. He left three sons and five daughters. Most of them lived at Middletown, Conn.

His daughter Anna, married Charles H. Wetmore, of St. Louis, Mo.

Abigail and Sarah were both married but neither left any children.

Joseph died Dec. 25, 1783, at Ocoyes, Hispaniola.

Constant moved to Summit county, Ohio.

Patience was married to William Loomis, of Middletown. They had two sons, William and Timothy. Both settled there.

William moved to Vermont.

Fanny married John Bills, of Middletown. They moved to Cuyahoga Falls, Summit Co., Ohio.

## SIXTH GENERATION.

### Timothy Rogers.

TIMOTHY ROGERS 6 (John 5, Joseph 4, Joseph 3, John 2, James 1), son of John and Patience Rogers, was born in Middletown, Conn., March 3, 1766, and married Sally Moore, Nov 15, 1790. She was born near Spencertown, Columbia Co., N.Y. May 22, 1770. He died June 24, 1850. She died Nov. 8, 1844 They were buried in the old graveyard, one mile east of Chatham, N. Y., near Indian Brook.

*Children of Timothy and Sally Rogers.*—Ralph, born Aug 31, 1791, died Oct. 7, 1815; Maria, born March 29, 1793, die ——; MARTHA, born Feb. 18, 1795, died Nov. 30, 1884; Anna born March 3, 1797, died Feb. 17, 1837; John, born Nov. 19 1799, died July 4, 1889; Gilbert, born June 28, 1805, died Jul 4, 1832.

## SEVENTH GENERATION.

### Martha (Rogers) Benjamin.

MARTHA ROGERS BENJAMIN 7 (Timothy 6, John 5 Joseph 4, Joseph 3, John 2, James 1), daughter of Timothy and Sally Rogers, was born about one mile and a half north east of Chatham, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1795. She married Dariu Benjamin, July 5, 1817. He was born Feb. 15, 1781, and die at Chatham Center, N. Y., April 24, 1850. She died nea Benjaminville, McLean county, Illinois, Nov. 20, 1884, in he ninetieth year.

*Children of Darius and Martha Benjamin.*—Edward D., born June 29, 1818; DeWitt Clinton, born May 28, 1820; Timothy R., born May 17, 1823; John R., born Oct. 17, 1824; Gilbert R., born Oct. 6, 1830, died Feb. 30, 1839; Reuben M., born June 29, 1833.

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Pauline (Rogers) Sleight, wife of Reuben Sleight, was the daughter, and Louisa (Sleight) Gifford is the granddaughter of Ralph Rogers, brother of Martha (Rogers) Benjamin.

Maria (Rogers) Thompson, wife of William Thompson, was the mother of Ralph R. Thompson, Louisa (Thompson) Van Alstyne, Benajah Thompson and John Thompson.

Elsie (Warner) Ham, widow of Jacob Ham, is the daughter of Anna (Rogers) and Timothy Warner, and the mother of Henry Orlo Ham, Nettie (Ham) Gildersleeve and Edward J. Ham.

John Rogers, of Valatie, Columbia county, N. Y., was the father of Caroline C. Rogers, Walter S. Rogers and Martha (Rogers) Best and the grandfather of Allene (Rogers) Getty.

## ANCESTRY
## of
## PATIENCE (MILLER) ROGERS
### Grandmother of Martha (Rogers) Benjamin

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Among the maternal ancestors of Patience (Miller) Rogers were Rev. Peter Bulkeley, one of the founders and the first pastor of Concord, Mass., and Rev. Charles Chauncey, the second president of Harvard College.

### FIRST GENERATION.

#### Rev. Peter Bulkeley.

Peter Bulkeley, was born in Odell, Bedfordshire, England, Jan. 31, 1583. He was educated at St. John's College, Cam-

bridge. He took orders and succeeded to the living of his father in Odell, where he served for twenty-one years, when he was silenced by Archbishop Laud for non-conformity. In 1635, he came to New England. After several months' residence in Cambridge, Mass., he removed farther inland, and was one of the founders of the town of Concord, Mass. He established the first church there and was its pastor from 1637 until his death. He was highly esteemed by his brother ministers, and was noted for charitable and kindly actions. Cotton Mather, speaks of him as a "most excellent scholar, a person of extensive reading, who gave advice to young students." Being possessed of considerable property at time of his arrival in the colony, he invested extensively in lands at Concord; and repeatedly donated large tracts to deserving persons, who as Eliot tells us, "became respectable men among the yeomanry." He was also a benefactor of Harvard College in the days of its early struggles for existence, and at his death he bequeathed a large part of his valuable collection of books to its library. He died March 9, 1659.

### Rev. Charles Chauncey.

Charles Chauncey was born at Yardleybury, Hertfordshire, England, in 1592. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and became professor of Hebrew and afterwards of Greek, there. In 1627 he became Vicar of Ware, where his Puritanical opinions soon made him obnoxious to his ecclesiastical superiors. He was finally silenced in 1637 for refusing to read Laud's book of "Lawful Sunday Sports," and took refuge in New England, arriving at Plymouth in May, 1638. In 1641, he was settled as minister in Scituate, Mass., where he remained about twelve years. He was afterward offered the presidency of Harvard College, made vacant by the resignation of the first president, Dr. Henry Dunster, and accepted Nov. 27, 1654. He held this office till his death. He was held in high estimation at Cambridge, and Cotton Mather says that when he had been a year or two in the town "the church kept a whole day of thanksgiving to God for the mercy which they had enjoyed in his being there." Under his direction the college greatly prospered for seventeen years. He died at Cambridge, Feb. 19, 1672. He had six sons, all Harvard grad-

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uates. His daughter Sarah married Gershom Bulkeley, a son of Rev. Peter Bulkeley.

## SECOND GENERATION.

### Rev. Gershom Bulkeley.

Gershom Bulkeley, son of Rev. Peter Bulkeley, was born Dec. 6, 1636. In 1655 he was graduated at Harvard College. On October 26, 1659, he was married to Sarah, daughter of President Charles Chauncey. In 1661 he located at New London, Conn., the second minister of the church there. In 1666 he became pastor at Wethersfield, Conn., the third ordained minister there. About ten years thereafter, by reason of the weakness of his voice and feeble health he was dismissed at his own request. He then devoted himself to the practice of medicine and surgery, and in such capacity served in several expeditions during King Philip's War. In 1679 he was deputy for Wethersfield in the General Court. He died Dec. 2, 1713. His wife Sarah, died June 9, 1699.

## THIRD GENERATION.

### Dr. Charles Bulkeley.

Charles Bulkeley, son of Gershom and Sarah (Chauncey) Bulkeley, married Hannah Raymond and practiced medicine at New London, Conn. Their daughter Hannah married Richard Goodrich.

## FOURTH GENERATION.

### Hannah (Bulkeley) Goodrich.

Hannah Bulkeley, daughter of Dr. Charles and Hannah (Raymond) Bulkeley, was born in 1690. She married Richard Goodrich, May 18, 1709, and died Sept. 23, 1720. Their daughter, Anna Goodrich, married Stephen Miller, of Middletown, Conn.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

### Anna (Goodrich) Miller.

Anna Goodrich, daughter of Richard and Hannah (Bulkeley) Goodrich, was born March 6, 1710, and married Stephen

Miller July 2, 1730. Their daughter Patience, married John Rogers, Nov. 22, 1757. They were the grandparents of Martha (Rogers) Benjamin.

## ANCESTRY
## of
## RICHARD GOODRICH

Among the first colonial ancestors of Richard Goodrich were Richard Treat and William Goodrich.

### Richard Treat.

Richard Treat, born in England, was one of the first settlers of the town of Wethersfield, Conn. He was a deputy from Wethersfield in the General Court from 1644 till 1658, a magistrate from 1658 till 1665, and one of the patentees of the famous Charter that was granted to Connecticut by Charles II, in 1662. He died in 1669. His son Richard married Sarah Coleman and their daughter Sarah married Ephraim Goodrich, son of William Goodrich.

### William Goodrich.

William Goodrich, father of Ephraim Goodrich, was born in England, probably in or near Bury St. Edmunds, County Suffolk. He came to New England, probably with his brother John, whose name first appears on the Records of New England (Hartford), Nov. 10, 1643. The first entry on the Conn. Records relative to William Goodrich is that of his marriage to Sarah, daughter of Matthew Marvin of Hartford, Oct. 4, 1648. He was deputy from Wethersfield in the General Court held at Hartford, May 15, 1662. He is called "Ensign William Goodrich," in 1676, just after the close of King Philip's War. He died in 1676 and his widow died in 1702. Their son Ephraim married Sarah Treat.

### Ephraim Goodrich.

Ephraim Goodrich, son of William and Sarah (Marvin) Goodrich, was born in Wethersfield, June 2, 1663. He mar-

ried Sarah, daughter of Maj. Richard and Sarah (Coleman) Treat, May 20, 1684. They resided at Rocky Hill, Conn. He died Feb. 27, 1739, and she died Jan. 26, 1712. Their oldest child Richard, married Hannah Bulkeley, daughter of Dr. Charles Bulkeley.

### Richard Goodrich.

Richard Goodrich, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Treat) Goodrich, was born Feb. 27, 1685, and died April 7, 1759. He was the common ancestor of Martha (Rogers) Benjamin and of Asher Goodrich; of the former by his first wife Hannah Bulkeley, and of the latter by his second wife, Mehitable Boardman.

# ANCESTRY
## of
# SALLY (MOORE) ROGERS

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### Deacon John Moore.

The first of the American ancestors of the mother of Martha (Rogers) Benjamin is said to have been Deacon John Moore, one of the first settlers of Windsor, Conn. He came over in a company of one hundred and forty persons, gathered chiefly from the counties of Devon, Dorset, and Somersetshire, England. They sailed from Plymouth, March 30, 1630, in the "Mary and John," Captain Squeb, landed at Nantasket, Mass., May 30, and settled at a place they named Dorchester, now a part of Boston. John Moore's name appears in the list of freemen of the town and patentees of land. Five years later (1635) about one-half of this settlement, including John Moore, went overland with their horses, cattle, etc., to the Connecticut River, and began the settlement of Windsor, Conn. The following spring Rev. John Wareham, their Dorchester minister, came to Windsor and John Moore was made his deacon.

John Moore built a house, owned farms, was a juror in 1639 to 1642, and was an original patentee of land from the King. He owned a pike manufactory and a ferry. In company with Capt. Newberry and a Mr. Greenwood he was ordered to survey out lands in Simsbury so it could be opened for settlement. The place was but a few miles from Windsor and the settlers of Simsbury came from the latter village. He died Sept. 18th, 1677, and was buried in Windsor." (*The Moore Family*, by Edward J. Moore.)

### Noadiah Moore.

Noadiah Moore, the father of Sally (Moore) Rogers, was born in Simsbury, Conn., Nov. 5, 1730. He married Anna Loomis, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Saxton) Loomis, of Sheffield, Mass., Aug. 3, 1758. They lived successively in

Sheffield, Great Barrington, Mass., and near Spencertown in Columbia county, N. Y. He died July 21, 1786, and she died July 4, 1814. They are buried in Spencertown churchyard.

*Children of Noadiah and Anna Moore.*—Pliny, born April 14, 1759, married Martha Corbin; Annis, born Nov. 29, 1761, married Gilbert Van Allen; Olive, born March 3, 1764, married Elnathan Rogers; Reuben, born Feb. 8, 1768, married Levina Dean; Sally, born May 22, 1770, married Timothy Rogers; Benjamin, born Nov. 12, 1772, married Martha Corbin, Eunice, born Aug. 18, 1778, married Caleb Hill.

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Pliny Moore, Elnathan Rogers (husband of Olive), and Benjamin Moore went to Clinton county, N. Y., and were among the first settlers of Champlain.

Gilbert Van Allen and Annis, the second child of Noadiah Moore, were the parents of Catharine (Van Allen) Van Valkenburg and Reuben Van Allen, and the grandparents of Elsie Maria (Van Valkenburg) Wilbur and James G. Van Valkenburg, of Chatham Center, N. Y.

Timothy Rogers (husband of Sally), and Reuben Moore settled on farms near each other in the southeastern part of the present town of Chatham, N. Y.

Reuben Moore lived to be over ninety years of age. He died Dec. 27, 1858, and left him surviving only three of his ten children: Plato, Mary Ann and Silas. His youngest child, William Reuben Moore, the father of Reuben Moore, of Chatham, died Oct. 11, 1844.

Caleb Hill and Eunice, the youngest child of Noadiah Moore, were the parents of Henry Hill, Noadiah Moore Hill, Gilbert Van Allen Hill and Sally Ann Hill. The four children were born at North Chatham, N. Y., where their father was a farmer, had a tannery and hotel and was postmaster.

## ANCESTRY

## of

## THANKFUL (GRAVES) WOODIN

### Grandmother of Laura (Woodin) Benjamin

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### FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA.

JOHN GRAVES.

Born in England, came to this country with his wife in 1635, settled in Concord, Mass., joined the church of which Rev. Peter Bulkeley was pastor and was master of the "Tryall," the first American built ship, in 1648.

### SECOND GENERATION.

BENJAMIN GRAVES.

Son of John Graves, was born in Concord, Mass., in 1645, married October 21, 1667, Mary Hoar, daughter of John Hoar, lawyer, son of Charles Hoar of the City of Gloucester, England, who was alderman there from 1632 to 1638, and whose grandfather, Charles Hoar, was mayor. Daniel, brother of Mary Hoar, was great great grandfather of Hon. George F. Hoar, United States Senator from Massachusetts. Benjamin Graves was a member of Captain Wheeler's Company of Concord and fought against the Indians in July and August, 1675. In the same year on the 28th of September, he received credit for service and again, Feb. 29, 1676. He removed to Saybrook, Conn., bought lands in that town, Jan. 25, 1703, and was living there as late as Sept 4, 1716, when he deeded one-half of his lands to his son John, of Killingworth, Conn. He had previously deeded one-half of same to his son Joseph, of Saybrook. Benjamin died before March 23, 1724.

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## THIRD GENERATION.

### Benjamin Graves.

Son of Benjamin Graves, was born in Concord, Mass., March 2, 1676, and settled in Colchester, New London county, Conn., in 1709. In the deed given to him of lands there he was described as from New London, Conn. He was admitted inhabitant at town meeting, Jan. 8, 1716, and chosen lister (tax appraiser) at town meeting December, 1727. He died December 30, 1752. His grave stone is still standing in the graveyard attached to the church at Colchester and is in excellent condition.

## FOURTH GENERATION.

### Jedediah Graves.

Son of Benjamin Graves 2, was born in New London, Conn., about 1708, and was baptized May 15, 1709. He lived in East Haddam, Middlesex county, Conn., as early as 1723, when he bought lands there.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

### Stephen Graves.

Son of Jedediah and Elizabeth (Allen) Graves, was born in East Haddam, Conn., February 7, 1742. He married Patience Hatch, of Rhode Island, and moved to Green River in the town of Hillsdale, Columbia county, N. Y., (then a part of Albany county) where his children were born. His oldest brother, Jonah, was born June 20, 1729. Stephen Graves was second Lieutenant in his brother, Captain Jonah's, Company, Claverack Battalion, 9th Regiment, Col. Peter VanNess, Albany County Militia, during the Revolutionary war. He died April 21, 1820, and his widow died February 22, 1825.

## SIXTH GENERATION.

### Thankful (Graves) Woodin.

Daughter of Stephen and Patience (Hatch) Graves, was born in the town of Hillsdale, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1772, married Daniel Woodin, died Nov. 3, 1851.

## SEVENTH GENERATION.

### David Graves Woodin.

Son of Thankful (Graves) and Daniel Woodin, was b in Hillsdale, N. Y., July 8th, 1798, and married Sarah Roraback, at Kinderhook, N. Y., April 30th, 1832. He County Superintendent of Schools for Columbia county, N. for several years and died Feb. 24, 1879. His wife Sarah born in Stephentown, Rensselaer county, N. Y., and died A 15, 1870. Her parents were Frederick and Nancy (Gre man) Roraback. They were married April 14, 1800. He born in Ghent, Columbia county, N. Y., May 13, 1775, died April 7, 1863. She was born in Schodack, Rensse county, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1779, and died Jan. 6, 1867.

## EIGHTH GENERATION.

### Laura Woodin Benjamin.

Daughter of David G. and Sarah G. Woodin, was born Kinderhook, N. Y., and married Reuben M. Benjamin, Se 15 1856. Since then they have always resided at 510 East Gr Street in Bloomington, Illinois. Her sister, Kate Woodin, ter the death of her father, lived with them until she d Feb. 11, 1901.

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